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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Provided the Magistrate passed an order placing them under the special division."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Law Member what weight he has given to the opinion of this House in regard to diet of these prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Considerable weight."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know the decision he has come to?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I have no time to go into the matter and come to a decision."

Education

Prevention of wastage in elementary schools.

* 1830 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the problem of preventing the wastage in elementary schools is now under consideration;

(b) if so, what steps are being proposed to be taken for making elementary education more effective in spreading literacy; and

(c) whether the concentration scheme proposed by the Director can be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know whether the concentration scheme proposed by the Director of Public Instruction can be placed on the table of this House?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The matter is still under consideration. No scheme has been placed before the Government as yet except that we have had some discussion."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister the lines on which the Concentration Scheme is proposed to be brought into effect and what the suggestions are?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The suggestions are to have one central higher elementary school for certain number of villages and the rest of the villages are to have Elementary schools."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know the radius?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The radius is still under consideration."

Excise

Alleged protest of the Prohibition League, Malabar, against the location of an arrack shop.

* 1831 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to place on the table of the House the representation of the Prohibition League, Malabar, to the Excise Licensing Board,